

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the goal of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is to work side-by-side in every state to heighten public awareness, strengthen alliances, leverage resources, and increase the number of people who understand the vital role adult education and family literacy play in our nation's well-being; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs in South Dakota assist in building skills and earnings. The need for highly literate South Dakotans increases as we move toward an increasingly technological future; and

WHEREAS, workers with at least a high school diploma or its equivalency are less likely to be on government support. Individuals benefit from higher salaries, better job opportunities, higher savings, and improved working conditions; and

WHEREAS, more than 15 percent of the adults in South Dakota experience literacy issues, and 24 percent experience numeracy issues that severely impact their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, teaching parents reading strategies increases a child's language and literacy outcomes. There is no substitute for the parent's role as a child's first teacher, best coach, and most concerned advocate; and

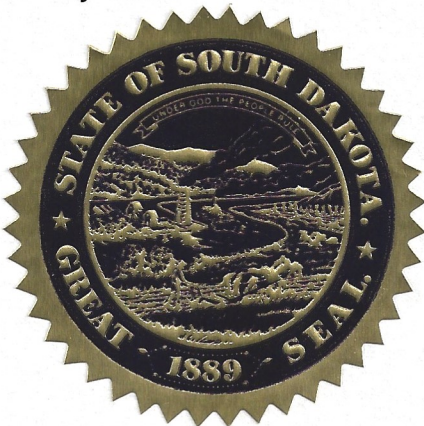
WHEREAS, through a network of local partnerships, the Department of Labor and Regulation has served more than 2,500 students in adult education programs since July 2020, including 234 who received their GED® credential and nearly 500 who studied English as a second language.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19, 2021, as

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

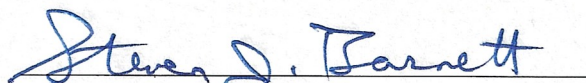
in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this seventh day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:



Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State